

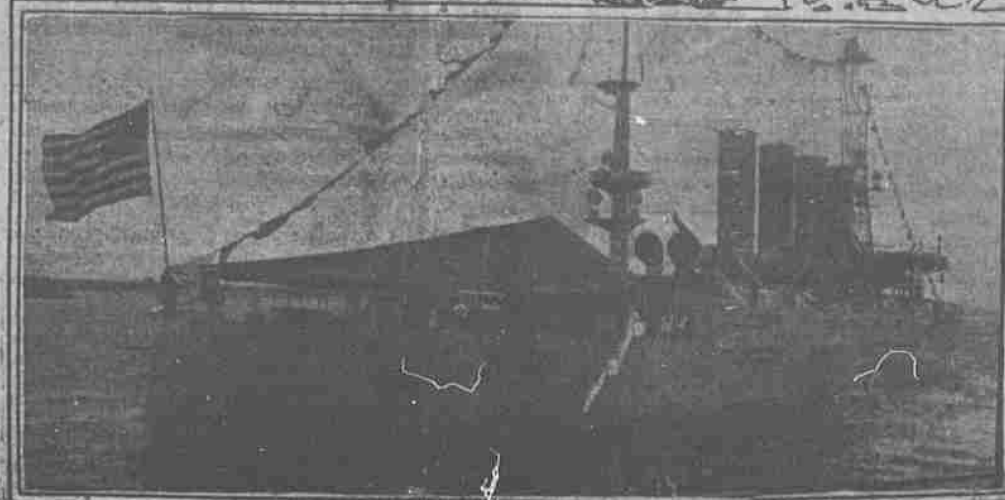
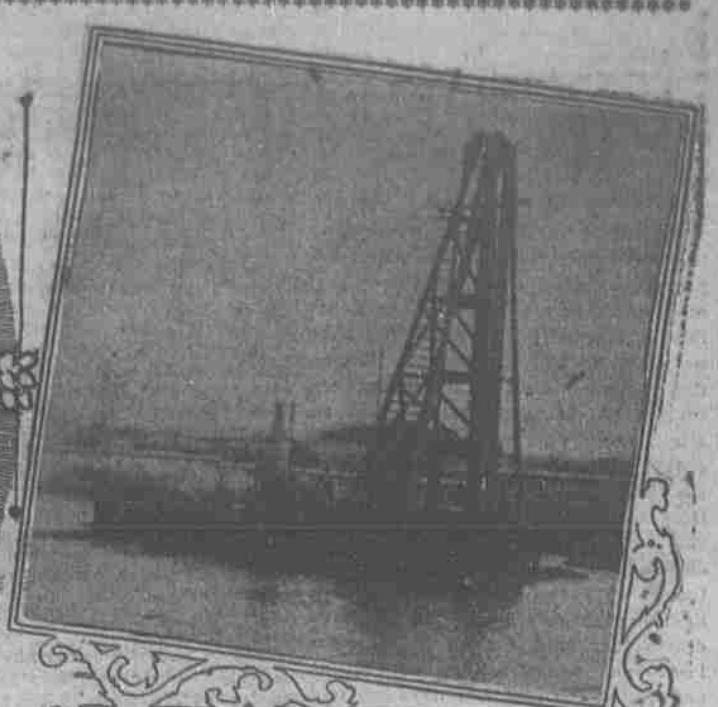
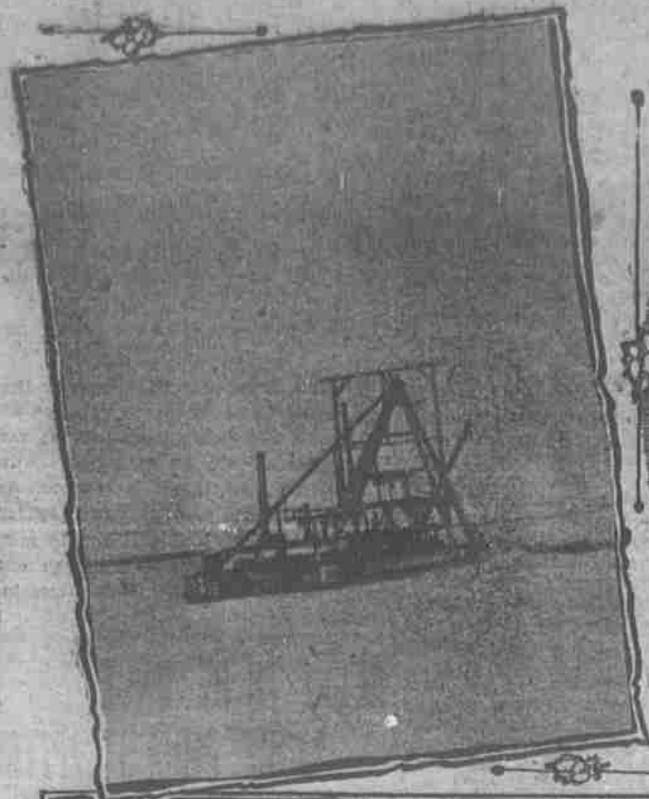
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FLAGSHIP CALIFORNIA DROPS ANCHOR IN PEARL HARBOR



Salutes, Cheers, Congratulations, Mark the Opening of the Broad Harbor to the Ships of the Navy.

"What has been demonstrated today is that the flagship is anchored here, safe and sound, in Pearl Harbor. That is enough demonstration in itself of the fact that Pearl Harbor has an open channel for warships. I am proud to have been the one to bring in that first cruiser, the California, into this harbor."—Rear-Admiral Thomas, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

"The Navy has been flirting with Hawaii for many years, but the army came along, took a fancy to Hawaii, and stayed. But the Navy came along and today, a ship called the Friendship has come here and anchored in the home port."—President W. E. Dillingham of the Hawaiian Dredging Company, contractor for the dredging of Pearl Harbor.

When the United States cruiser California, flagship of the Pacific fleet, dropped anchor off the port of Honolulu at six-thirty last evening, the fact that Pearl Harbor and channel are open to the navigation of great warships had been fully demonstrated, for the California had both entered and departed from the harbor and returned to Honolulu without a mishap. All Honolulu, through its official and business representatives, congratulated Rear Admiral Chauncey Thomas, commander-in-chief, and Captain Harlow, commander of the California, for having so signally announced to the world that Pearl Harbor is now, in fact, a possible rendezvous in the Mid-Pacific for the entire American navy.

When the anchor of the California was dropped into the waters of Pearl Harbor nearly opposite the great drydock at thirty-two minutes past eleven o'clock yesterday morning, the fact that the channel was navigable was demonstrated, but the great warship had yet to be taken out to the open sea again. That was accomplished safely and this morning the flagship rides at anchor off the harbor of Honolulu as the vessel which had achieved the dream of early navigators who nearly a century ago recognized the worth of Pearl Harbor as a naval base.

The dream of Lieutenant Curtis of the old Frigate Constitution ("Old Resolute") has been realized and all that he prophesied in 1840 when the Constitution was a visitor at Honolulu has been borne out by the brilliant achievement of yesterday, for it was his hope that Pearl Harbor would be converted into a naval base, because of the "security of its harbor, the excellence of its water, the perfect anchorage which it can be made one of the best places of the islands, and where fortifications could be built, troops could be drilled, the forts garrisoned, government storehouses built, while the amount of money necessary to be expended there will be but a feather in comparison with the almost incalculable amount of wealth that will open upon the completion of these objects."

Crossing the Bar.
Followed by the Inter-Island steamer Lodi and a conveyance of

bobbing cruiser launches, the California poked its great bow across the bar of Pearl Harbor, nearly two miles distant from the headlands marking the opposite sides of the channel proper, and just at eleven o'clock the splendid \$6,000,000 cruiser passed its bulk over the bar where the most difficult part of the work of opening the harbor to navigation had been experienced, for there it is open sea with heavy swells running and hardly anything to indicate that the waterway commenced its four and a half mile length to the anchorage near the drydock.

When the California turned in from the open sea toward the opening of the harbor, of nearly two hundred and fifty military, naval, official and social guests crowded to the rails while a large number, accorded the courtesy of the bridge by the officers of the cruiser, took stations in the conning sections, particularly beneath the flying bridge, to watch the progress of the ship. Upon the flying bridge with Captain Harlow, were Rear Admiral Thomas, Rear Admiral Southard, Rear Admiral W. C. Cowles, Brigadier General Macomb, department commander; Engineer Gayler of the naval station and Navigating Officer, Lieut. Commander McDowell.

Just beneath stood Judge Sanford B. Dole, former president of the Republic of Hawaii, during whose administration the Hawaiian Islands were ceded, by treaty to the United States, and upon the quarter deck, surrounded by a number of her former subjects, sat Queen Liliuokalani, the former monarch of the islands, sister of King Kalakaua under whom Pearl Harbor had been ceded to the United States nearly a third of a century ago. There were guests present whose lives had been peculiarly identified with the history of Hawaii and under all of whom many matters affecting Pearl Harbor had been projected and carried out.

And so with the eyes of all centered upon the course, between buoys 600 feet apart, the California passed into the waterway which has taken ten years to create into a navigable channel, there to test the efficiency of the dredging operations, with several of the dredges still moored at their working places, all decorated and their crews cheering over the works to cheer the vessel as she passed by.

By saluting the first craft to salute the cruiser California upon the

passage of the bar was the dredge California, decorated with red, white and blue bunting, the stars and stripes everywhere, and conspicuous among the flags, the revolutionary flag of China above the pilot house. As the bow of the cruiser California passed the smeared sides of the dredge California a blast of powder was discharged in a scow and strings of fire crackers were set off, accompanied by the usual three whistle salutes.

"Forty feet," called the leadman, and a moment later, "forty-one" feet, and then "thirty-five feet," the maximum depth required of the contractors by the navy department. The California was passing over a well swept channel floor, a circumstance which caused the consternation of W. E. Dillingham, president of the Hawaiian Dredging Company, which is finishing the vast dredging project, to break into a broad and significant smile.

Broke the Ribbon.
Then a few hundred yards ahead the assemblage saw the dredge Gaylord on the right of the channel and a scow on the left and between the two a narrow strip of ribbon, barring the passage of the warship. It was a barrier of friendship, however. Every eye fastened upon that fluttering band, held at each side by two men. Honore, the moving picture expert, leveled his machine at the oncoming cruiser, and just at eleven-four the bluff bow struck the ribbon and it snapped and fell into the water on either side. The Gaylord blew three blasts of its whistle and the cruiser, passed on swiftly. Then at eleven-eight, the cruiser passed Watertown, the little village which sprang up with the commencement of the dredging operations four years ago, and then passed the famous old Shark Pen, or what is left of it, for the dredgers sheared the outer part entirely away. From a coral spit extending far out toward the channel came a bedlam of cheering.

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PLANTER-PHILANTHROPIST-POLITICIAN TO CELEBRATE.



JOSEPH PLATT COOKER.
Born in Honolulu, December 15, 1874.

GRAND BALL FOR FLEET'S SAILORS

Merchants' Association Arranges Also for Swell Affair for Officers.

Doubling the estimate at first made for attendance at the grand ball for the sailors of the fleet at the Young Hotel, the merchants' association yesterday afternoon, appropriated \$750 from its treasury to pay the expenses of this affair and also of the ball for the officers of the fleet to be given at the Moana Hotel.

It was determined by the association yesterday to spare no effort to make these occasions a synonym for Hawaiian hospitality and there is already outlined something of what is going to happen on these nights immediately after the New Year. In fact they will be a sort of welcome to the fleet and the New Year at the same time.

Possibly the sailors who will be the guests of honor at the Young Hotel ball will appreciate what the association intends to do when it is known that the greater part of the expense will go for refreshments, such as white wine punch, lemonade, for those who prefer it, and sandwiches. There will also be music for dancing and the great pavilion will be thronged by those who enjoy the swirl of the waltz and two-step.

The meeting of the association yesterday was a lively one. President E. O. White presided and Chairman McInerney, of the entertainment committee, made a report upon what had been done and what might be done. He stated that the chamber of commerce had decided that it would have no part in the entertainment as being outside of its province in such cases, according to precedent.

Mr. von Hamm asserted that the association should act as the sole host upon these occasions and this sentiment found general agreement, and Mr. Healdford presented the motion which set the date for the ball to each branch of the navy as soon after New Year as possible.

Chairman McInerney was empowered to increase the committee by the addition of working members, and Mrs. Church will have the management with the task of issuing the invitations for what it is intended to make the most brilliant affair of the kind ever given here under the auspices of any association.

MORO OUTLAWS KILLED.

LANOA, Philippine Islands, Dec. 14.—Policing Moro outlaws have been killed in battle with American troops.

GENERAL MURRAY EMPHASIZES NEED OF NEW FORTIFICATIONS



MAJ.-GEN. A. MURRAY.
Who declares Oahu should be more strongly fortified.

DEMAND "FIRING" OF "UNCLE JIM" AND DRY HAWAII

WASHINGTON, December 15.—At the annual convention of the National Anti-Saloon League, held in this city yesterday, a demand was formulated for the dismissal from office of James Wilson, secretary of the department of agriculture, because he spoke at the national convention of brewers recently. The convention also went on record in favor of the federal enforcement of prohibition in the Territory of Hawaii.

MISSING HYDE JURYMAN DISCOVERED TO BE INSANE

KANSAS CITY, December 14.—The missing juror in the Dr. Hyde murder case, concealed by his wanderings, returned today from his sensational escape through a hotel tramway. He is adjudged insane and the jury dismissed. A new trial will be held in January.

ITALIANS TAKE OASIS.

TRIPOLI, December 14.—The Italians have captured Tadara Oasis, an important point. The rebels are retreating.

Says Pearl Harbor Should Be More Strongly Guarded.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 15.—Major General Arthur Murray, U.S.A., in command of the western division of the Army and who has just returned from a thorough inspection of the Department of Hawaii, spoke at some length yesterday regarding his recent trip to the Island, emphasizing the need of more fortifications there.

Major General Murray, among other things, asserts that additional fortifications are needed in the vicinity of Pearl Harbor to guard this great naval basin.

City Batteries Adequate.

He states that after a conference with Rear-Admiral Chauncey Thomas, in command of the squadron of warships now at Honolulu, he concluded that the batteries on the harbor side of the Island of Oahu near the city were adequate.

In regard to the windward side of the island General Murray said that more fortifications were needed there to prevent any danger of a rear attack by an enemy. His recommendations are believed to have already been forwarded to Washington.

TO WELCOME GEN. LEE AND DR. SUN YAT SEN

PENANG, Straits Settlements, December 14.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, Chinese revolutionary leader, and General Homer Lea, the American soldier of fortune, and proposed head of the new Chinese military government, have arrived here en route to Canton, where a great celebration is being prepared for them.

SENATE TO END TREATY WITH RUSSIA VERY SOON

WASHINGTON, December 14.—It is believed here that the Senate before Christmas will terminate the Russian treaty on account of the trouble of Japanese imports.